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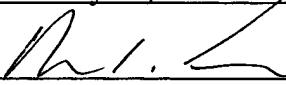


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This is a request for filing a

 Continuation       Divisionalapplication of pending prior application Serial No. 09/851,585 filed May 9, 2001

for [Title]: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SCREEN PRINTING

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1.  A copy of the prior application is attached including Declaration.
2.  Cancel in this application original claims 1 - 7 and 10 - 16 of prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

3. [x] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 --This is a [ ] Continuation [x] Division of application Serial No. 09/851,585 filed May 9, 2001--
4. [x] New [x] Formal [ ] Informal drawings are enclosed:  
 Fig(s) 1-11C.
5. [x] Priority of foreign application(s): No. 2000-135696 filed May 9, 2000; 2000-135697 filed May 9, 2000; and 2000-135699 filed May 9, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
6. [x] Certified copies were filed in prior application No. 09/851,585.
7. [x] The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., the assigned was recorded at Reel 012138, Frame 0289.
8. [ ] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.
9. [x] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
10. [x] It is requested that the prior art made of record in the prior application 09/851,585 be cited and made of record in the present application.
11. [ ] Small entity status was established in the parent application.
12. [x] Fees calculated based on claims filed in prior application, less any claims canceled above or by preliminary amendment.

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Claims	4	-	20	= 0 x \$ 18.00 = \$ 0.00
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Claims	2	-	3	= 0 x \$ 86.00 = 0.00

Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)	+ \$ 290.00 =	<u>0.00</u>
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13. [x] THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THE ABOVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 770.00 AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 18-2056.
14. [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 18-2056: any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17; and any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
15. [x] A power of attorney was filed in the prior application to Marc A. Rossi, Registration No. 31,923:
- [x] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.  
[ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.  
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